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**DISCUSSION**

U.S. Patents Nos. 623,008, 4,098,478, 3,580,634, 4,099,697, 5,199,763, Canadian Patent Application No. 2,265,307, International Patent Application Nos. WO 97/46146, WO 04/047591, German Patent Applications Nos. 32 01 335, 36 12 201 and French Patent No. 1,170,615 are cited in the International Search Report, which we received on July 26, 2005 (copy of the International Search Report is enclosed for your convenience).

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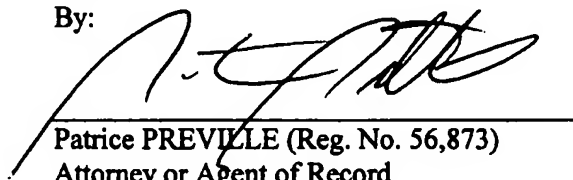
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STATEMENT OF RELEVANCE

The listed documents are being submitted in compliance with 37 CFR § 1.97 (i).

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		CA 2,265,307 A1	03-12-1999	HURNER, E. E.		
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